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**Raymond B. Ray**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: South Florida 1965 BA; Florida 1971 JD  
Began Service: November 9, 1993  
Term Expires: November 8, 2007

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida, United States Department of Justice (1971-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Raymond B. Ray, P.A.

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1961-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; Broward County Bar Association; Colorado Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; The Florida Bar

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**Laurel M. Isicoff**  
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Began Service: 2006  
Term Expires: 2020

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Began Service: 2007  
Term Expires: 2009  
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**Hugh Lawson**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB  
Began Service: December 29, 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Oconee Circuit (1979-1995); Administrative Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Eighth Judicial District (1986-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Lawson & Lawson (1965-1979)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association

**Staff**

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Began Service: 2007  
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**W. Louis Sands**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Mercer 1971 BA, 1974 JD  
Began Service: May 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Chief Legal Assistant to the District Attorney, Macon Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1974); Assistant District Attorney, Macon Judicial District, State of Georgia (1975-1978); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1978-1987)

**Judicial:** Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit (1991); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (2001-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams (1987-1991)

**Military Service:** Captain, United States Army Reserve (1971-1980)

**Current Memberships:** Albany County Bar Association; American Judicature Society; State Bar of Georgia

**Staff**

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**Clay D. Land**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960  
Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD  
Began Service: December 28, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1985-1989); Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

**Staff**

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**C. Ashley Royal**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Georgia 1971 AB, 1974 JD, 1976 MS  
Began Service: December 28, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office, Augusta Judicial Circuit (1974-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Howard, Howard & Royal (1976); Public Defender, Glynn County, Georgia (1976-1977); Associate, Falligant, Kent & Toporek (1977-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978); Associate, Fulcher, Fulcher, Hagler, Harper & Reed (1979-1980); Partner, Kent, Barrow & Royal (1980-1983); Of Counsel, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1984-1985); Partner, Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP (1985-2001)

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**Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Georgia 1952 LLB  
Began Service: March 1, 1972  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Academic:** Vice President and Trust Officer, Bank of Albany (1955-1959); Secretary and Treasurer, Southeastern Mortgage Company (1959-1962)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1962-1965)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smith, Gardner & Owens (1954-1955); Partner, Bloch, Hall, Hawkins & Owens (1965-1972)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1952-1954); United States Air Force Reserve (1954-1968)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Permanent Law Clerk **Cristen Freeman** ..... (478) 752-3491  
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